## SOCIAL MEDIA IS CHANGING EVERYTHING

### PAUL ANDREWS GO FORWARD MEDIA

2012 FEMSA/FAMA Annual Conference



### Let's talk...

Where is Social Media now

Where is Social Media in the Fire Service

Best Practices

Where are we going



### The Stats

- Facebook
  - 955 million active users
- Twitter
  - 150 million active users
- LinkedIn
  - 175 million members
- YouTube
  - 800 million users

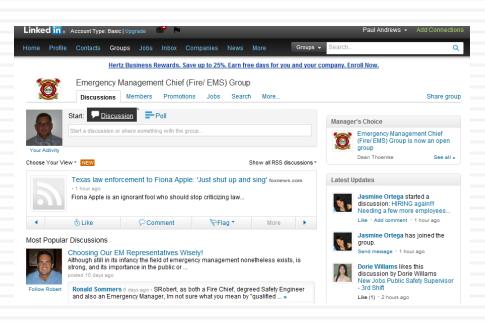






# And, in the Fire Service

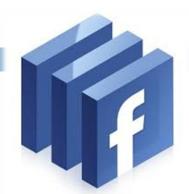






### Fire Service stats

- Fire related Facebook members
  - 38,000 chiefs, self identified
  - More than 730,000 "firefighters" (U.S.)
- Annual Meeting Attendees
  - 2x more firms have a Facebook presence
  - More than 25 firms do not have
- LinkedIn
  - 15 groups for Fire Chiefs
  - SCBA, Apparatus, Grants, Pumps





### Want to know what's on FFer's minds?

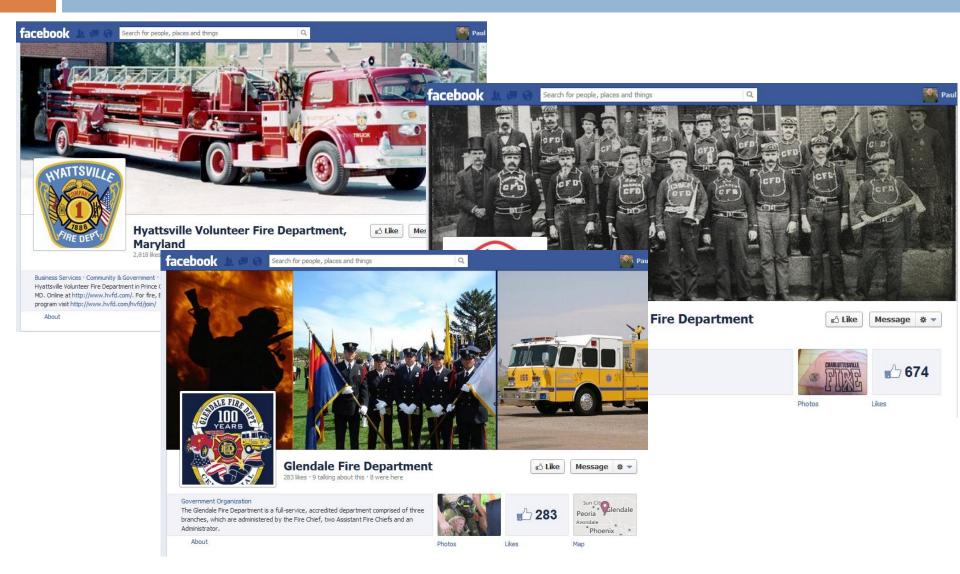
- Visit all the media firms' pages
- The IAFF
- The NVFC

More than 509,000 fans and as many as 8,300 engaged



Engagement is more important than your # of fans

### Your customers...



### How are Fama/Femsa members doing?

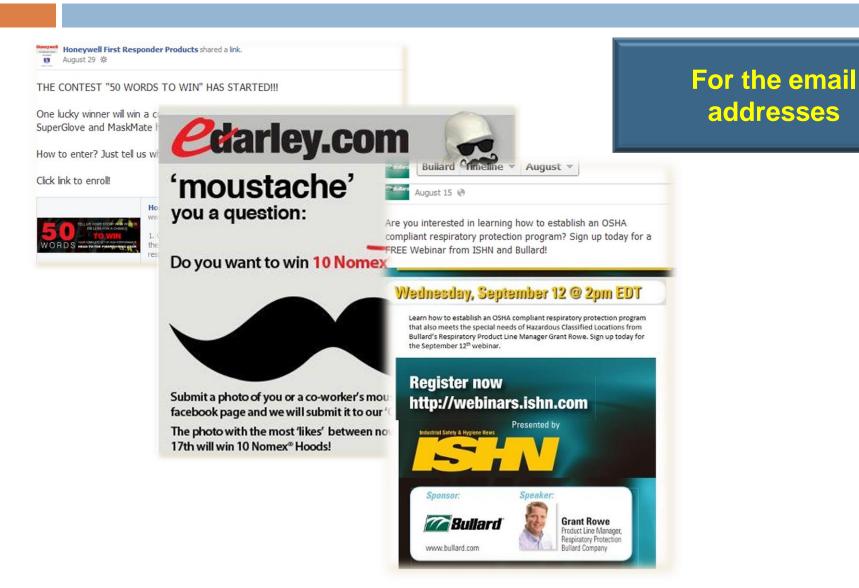
#### **The Good**

- Events
- Community Involvement
- Contests
- Download manuals
- Sharing
- Product demo's

#### The eh...

- Interaction
- Building audiences
- Use of video and photos
- Very few posts
- No monitoring
- Cross promotion
- No translation links

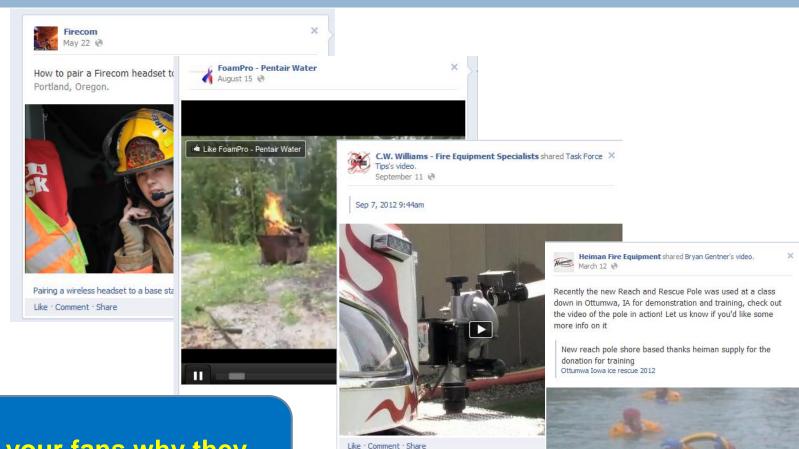
### Contests



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### **Product Demo Videos**



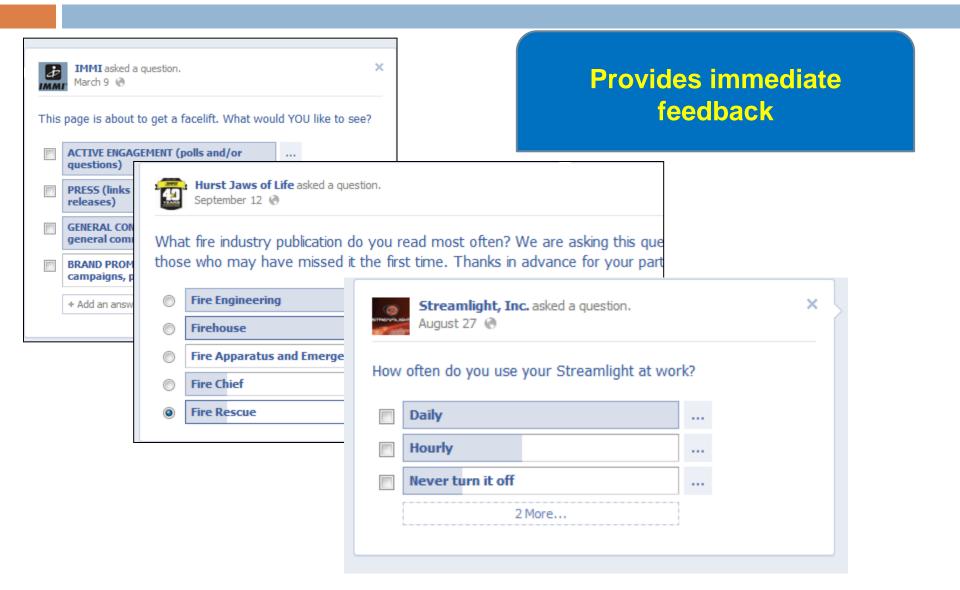
A Wayne Smith likes this

Like · Comment · Share

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Tell your fans why they should open the video

# Polling



# Supporting their distributor



#### Akron Brass

September 4 via Conversocial 🚷



Want to know more about the services and equipment offered by Schumacher Fire Equipment? Servicing the state of Missouri, Schumacher Fire Equipment offers fire equipment, apparatus hardware and more. Find out more about this featured distributor http://bit.ly/T0KeTI

#### Schuhmacher Fire Equipment LLC

schuhmacherfire.com

Pierce dealer for Missouri. Full line of firefighting equipment.

#### **Supporting Femsa**



See the Plymovent Corp. President, Jens Schlueter, mentioned in FEMSA's latest newsletter!

http://issuu.com/windmill/docs/femsa\_fall/21

You can always follow our President on Twitter at https://twitter.com/jens\_schlueter Congrats Jens!



#### Always incredible picture Department

SNWEB.ORG Photography



### Supporting their catalogue



#### Community Involvement



### go>forward

### Distributors

- Building traffic
  - Are you leveraging your email lists?
  - Are you getting support from your manufacturers?
  - Have you thought of a geo-targeted ad campaign on Facebook?
  - Have you offered coupons?
- Have you placed photos and videos on your Facebook page?
- Are you using LinkedIn and FB to learn about your prospects?



# Best Practices

Monitoring
Dealing w/negativity
Posting



Are you protecting your brand?



No, she was not at their trade show booth







How about your logos and trademarks?





What are others saying about you? Both positive and negative.



Who is doing the talking about your firm?





### Are you responding to comments?



What are your competitors' fans saying about your competition? Who are they targeting? Product issues? What's their U.S.P.?





Are you taking a hands-on approach? Trends, Issues, News



Opportunities for customer service after the sale

# Am I monitoring, you ask?

Yes, I am



Beware the Holiday Party

# Negativity



### Don't be Defensive

- Respond/don't respond
  - From the appropriate manager
- Acknowledge issue
- Determine what went wrong
- Correct misinformation
- Offer a solution if one exists
- Go offline need be
- Ask them to remove post
- Your fans WILL chime in
- Explain a ban or deletion



## Posting

- Keep it short-80 characters or less
- Avoid tiny urls, use full length
- Post outside of business hours
- Post on Wednesday/Thursday
- To drive likes- be VERY direct (to non-fans)
- Ask questions at the end of the post

What is the most engaging content? Photos

**Status Messages** 

Video

Links



### **Best Practices**

- To drive engagement from your posts
  - Ask direct questions and ask for comments
    - Post, comment, tell us, like, submit, share, watch, visit
  - Promotional words
    - Avoid- contest, promotion, sweepstakes, coupon
    - Do use- event, winner, offer, only, entry
  - Don't ask why? Instead, ask where, when, would, should, how...

The Big Three: the photo, the text, the link. Use all three!





# Where are we going?

**Trends I'm Seeing** 

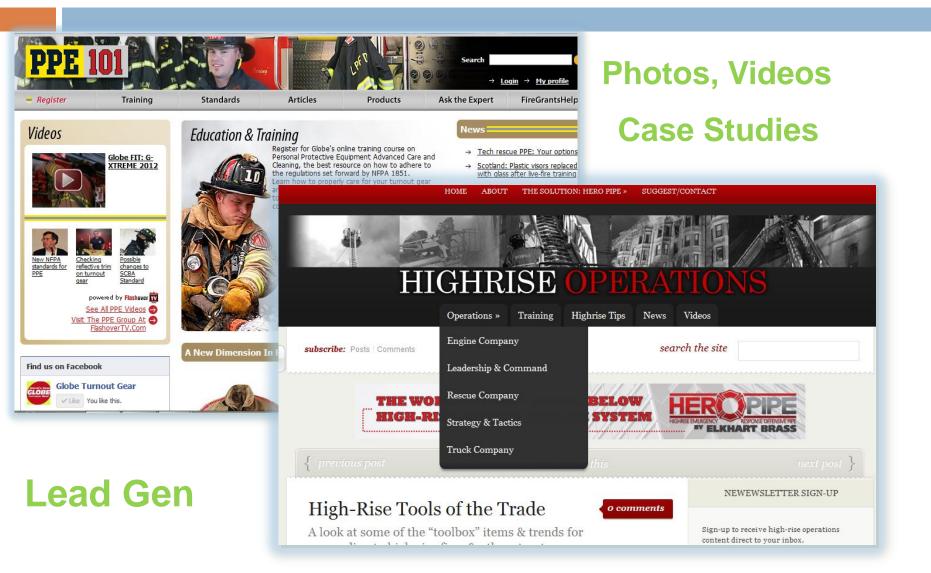
**The Next Generation** 

## **Content Marketing**

- Manufacturers are becoming content producers/aggregators
  - Blogs, Microsites
  - Newsletters, White Papers
  - Webcasts, Podcasts
  - Virtual trade shows, games
  - Closed Forums Groups, Executive Roundtables
  - Slide share
  - Experiential Centers



### Microsites



# Facebook Stories Page



**Topic or interest based** 

Avoid text laden content, go visual

### Newsletters



### From product info to thought leadership

#### LION Fire Academy Fridays: Advanced turnout inspection - Part 2

Recommend < 2

This is the second of a two-part instruction on how to perform an Advanced Inspection of structural turnout gear. Learn how to determine if your turnout gear is fit for duty, if





### **Blogging**





### Testimonials, Press Releases, Videos

Hello!

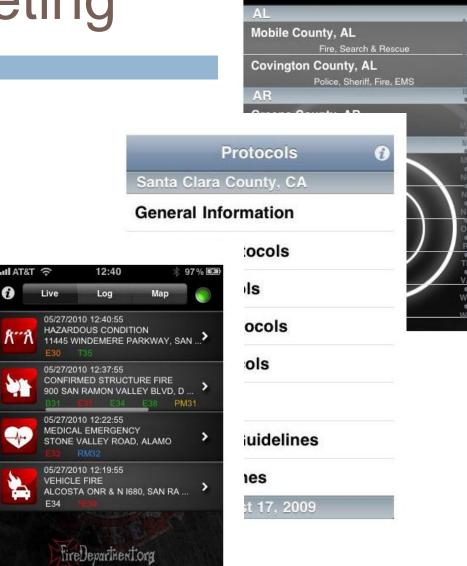
On behalf of my client, we would like to invite you to review their newest line of lightweight flame resistant short sleeve t-shirts on your blog. We will send it to you free of charge. All we ask is that you post the review on <a href="http://fireemsblogs.com">http://fireemsblogs.com</a> within 3-4 weeks after receiving it, and that you include a link to produce the post.

Please let me know if you would be interested in doing this.

Distribution: Linked In, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Google +, YouTube, Stumble Upon, Tumblr., Slideshare

# **Content Marketing**

- Mobile apps
  - Must have a reason to use
  - Friendly interfaces
  - Measure usage



**Emergency Web Radios** 

# **Content Marketing**

- Craft your strategy
- Use all distribution points
- Use all your assets
- Define your pivot points
- Enlist your partners



### Measurements

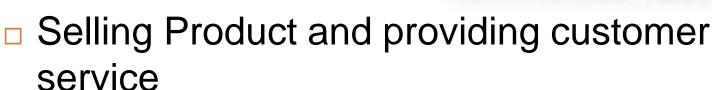
- Followers, subscribers
- Leads
- Downloads
- Favorites
- Shares, discussions
- Tweets/Re-tweets
- # of posts
- Reach, scores

- Views, Returns
- Subscribers
- SEO Improvement
- Mentions/referrals
- Data capture
- Brand awareness
- □ Sales

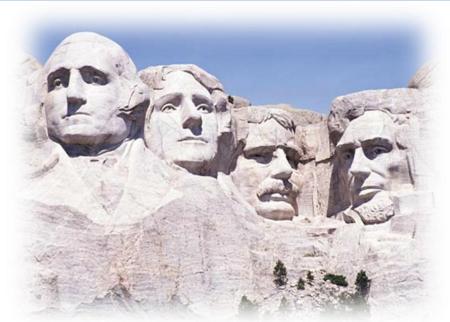


### The Mount Rushmore

- Creating Community
  - Akron Brass
  - eDarley
- Branded content
  - Elkhart Brass
  - Lion



TheFireStore



## The Future



Rick wakes up and watches Sports Center while reading Fire Magazine during breakfast. Then, he texts his wife while listening to his iPod. At work, he listens to the radio and checks email to then post his status on Facebook.

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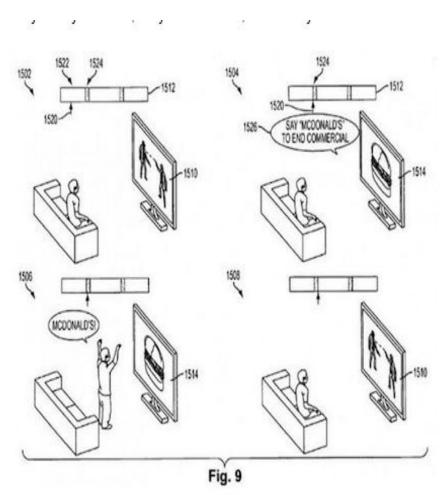
Your customers are everywhere and nowhere

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We "watch" TV, "use" Gmail, "listen" to radio, "visit" web pages, "do" social media, and "read" magazines".

How do you break through the clutter?

# Throw the pickle at the Burger!



Sony Patent: 8,246,454





### The future...

- Google glasses
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSnB06um5r4
- All things mobile!

- Back to the future
  - MySpace



## Thanks so much!

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